

What is Gear Up?

Gear up is a program
that helps young people
get ready for college.

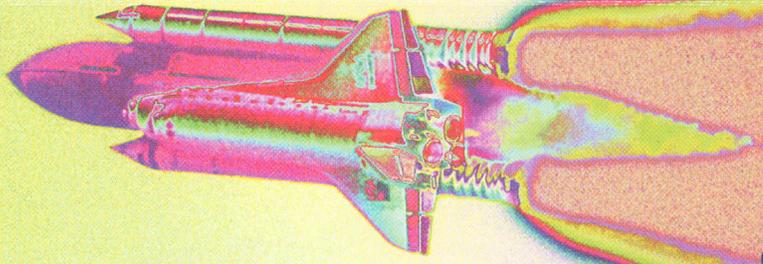


YOU'RE THE ROCKET.

COLLEGE IS THE FUEL.



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Who is Gear Up for?

Gear Up is for you. Really. It's not as difficult as you might think to get into a college.

Of course, it takes a certain amount of smarts. But, mostly, it takes determination and desire. And, you've got that. If you didn't, you wouldn't be reading this brochure.

Why college?

One word: Opportunity. Why settle for your pick of 2 jobs when you can have a pick of 20? A college degree gives you options. It gives you access to higher paying jobs. On average, a college graduate earns \$16,000 more per year than a high school graduate. College puts you in charge of your own future.

What does it take to get in?

The college representative who will review your high school grades will be asking three questions: "Have you taken the right classes?" "Do you have good grades?" And, "Have you participated in any clubs, groups, or organizations in your school or community?" If the answer is yes to these three questions, you have a good chance of being admitted.

What about the cost?

College is not as expensive as you might think. And, the more money you need, the more aid you can get. Grants and scholarships are types of financial aid that don't need to be paid back. Grants are given based on financial need. Scholarships are given based on performance in classes, extracurricular activities, or sports.

Where there's a will, there's a way. For now, you just need to concentrate on being a good student.

Who do you talk to?

Tell your parents, your favorite teacher and your guidance counselor that you want to go to college. But don't wait until your senior year in high school. Tell them today! They can help you make it happen.

